

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending December 31st 1951

To the Chairman and Members of
the District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1951 and which consists mainly of statistical figures with relative information as and where this appertains to any material change from previous years.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate for 1951 is 4566.

BIRTHS.

There were 63 live births during 1951. Of these 31 were males and 32 females.

Two illegitimate children are included.

The Birth Rate was 13.8 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 15.05 for 1950 and 15.5 for the country as a whole.

Two Still Births were registered.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths during 1951 was 90. Of these 46 were males, and 44 females.

The Death Rate was 19.7 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 15.7 for 1950 and 12.5 for the country as a whole.

The principal causes of death are as follows :-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Heart and circulation.....	17	20	37
Cancer.....	6	9	15
Tuberculosis.....	2	-	2
Bronchitis.....	3	2	5
Pneumonia.....	1	-	1
Influenza.....	4	2	6
Violence and Accident.....	2	1	3
Diabetes.....	-	1	1
Congenital Malformation.....	1	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach.....	1	-	1
Suicide.....	1	-	1
Other Diseases.....	8	8	16
Childbirth.....	-	1	1
	<u>46</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>90</u>

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were 4 deaths among infants, under 1 year of age, revealing an Infant Mortality Rate of 63.5 and which is unusually high compared with that of recent years.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

One death occurred as the result of pregnancy. This case was admitted to hospital because of complications which were foreseen prior to childbirth and from which she succumbed following an operation.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles.....	47	(Nursed at Home)
Whooping Cough.....	10	(" " ")
Pneumonia.....	8	(" " ")
Scarlet Fever.....	2	(" " ")
Dysentery.....	1	(" " ")
Para-typhoid Fever.....	1	(Admitted to Hospital)

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens taken from patients for various bacteriological tests by family practitioners are sent to the National Health Laboratory at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Reports upon such specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor, and a copy of same is forwarded to the Health Office.

Samples of the public water supply have proved satisfactory.

The duty for the examination of milk supplies rests with the County Council and during the year under review, 51 samples of milk were obtained and submitted for examination for the presence of Bovine Tuberculosis.

In six instances, the milk was found to contain tubercle bacilli and in each instance a veterinary inspector examined the herds in question in order, if possible, to trace the source of infection among the cattle.

Cows found to be giving infected milk are destroyed in accordance with the Tuberculosis Order 1925.

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
The number of cases on the register on 31/12/50 was	- 13	13
The number of cases added to register during 1951 was	- 7	3
The number of cases removed from register during 1951 was	- 6	4
The number of cases remaining on register on 31/12/51 was	14	12

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. (Service under County Council administration).

Hollingworth Clinic.

This Clinic was transferred from St. Mary's School to the newly-adapted premises in Wednesough Green on the 21st June 1951.

The building, which was erected as a Decontamination Centre

during the last war, required only a moderate amount of internal partitioning to provide facilities for School Medical, Ante-Natal, and Immunisation purposes, in addition to the Child Welfare Sessions previously held in St. Mary's School.

Accommodation is also provided for the storage of infant foods etc., and for the purpose as a loan store for the domiciliary nursing requisites previously accommodated at the Hollingworth Council Offices.

It is anticipated that further improvements to the pram shelter will, at an early date, be made.

Child Welfare Sessions were held from 2 pm. to 4 pm. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year.

<u>NEW CASES.</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES.</u>	<u>AVERAGE ATTENDANCES.</u>	<u>SEEN BY DOCTOR.</u>
64	1706	71	253

The M. & C.W. Clinic held in the Methodist Church School, Broadbottom, was open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon each month.

<u>NEW CASES.</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES.</u>	<u>AVERAGE ATTENDANCES.</u>	<u>SEEN BY DOCTOR.</u>
24	771	32	195

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The area is covered by the Hyde Health Division for both general, accident and infectious cases, the number conveyed being 1151; this is a decrease of 493 on the number conveyed during 1950 and is in conformity with the experience within the service throughout the Division. The majority of patients were conveyed to the Ashton Group of hospitals.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

One full-time Domiciliary Nurse attended 172 patients in Mottram and Broadbottom upon 2665 occasions.

The Hollingworth district is served by a Nurse whose duties also include cases resident in Tintwistle.

MIDWIFERY.

One midwife allocated to the district attended the 13 cases in which the birth took place in the homes of the patients. The trend for childbirth to take place in maternity institutions is revealed by the fact that this figure represents only 20% of the total births in 1951.

HEALTH VISITING.

One Health Visitor by paying visits to the homes and at the Clinics supervises the welfare of infants, young children, expectant and nursing mothers. Cases of Tuberculosis for Care and After-Care purposes, and any aged and infirm persons in need of attention also form part of the duties.

DOMESTIC HELP.

Domestic Helps were provided in 7 cases of domiciliary midwifery and infirmity etc. who made application for such help.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The report of your Sanitary Inspector has been submitted to me and is attached for your consideration and approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F.W.C.BROWN.

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Buildings,
Greenfield Street,
HYDE.

July, 1952.

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT for the year ended 31st Decr. 1951.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1951.

NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Council Houses	9
Private Dwellings	1
Other	2
Extensions to dwellings	1
" to other premises	3

Voluntary Demolition - 1 Wooden Dwelling (1a, Hague Road).

HOUSING.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR.

(a) Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	152
(b) Number of inspections made for this purpose	217
Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	73

PROCEEDINGS UNDER HOUSING ACT, 1936. NIL

PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Dwellings unfit at commencement of year	12	
" found unfit during year	73	85
Dwellings rendered fit after service of Statutory Notice	17	
Dwellings rendered fit after service of informal notice	30	47
Dwellings still unfit after service of Statutory Notice	19	
Dwellings still unfit after service of informal notice	19	38 85

Thirty six houses were affected by the service of Statutory notices for various defects.

At the end of the year, work was in hand regarding many of the unfit houses and has since been completed. There still appears to be a shortage of materials especially rainwater goods and there is often a delay of months between a property owner giving orders for work to be done and its completion. The situation is far from satisfactory.

During the year, one statutory notice was executed in default and another was similarly treated early in 1952.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

Houses	217
Drains, Closets, Septic Tank	435
Ashbins etc.	108
Offensive Accumulations	6
Dairies and Milk Distribution Premises	19
Keeping of Animals etc.	58
Factories (including bakeries)	28
Workplaces	14
Food Premises	51
Premises registered Sec.14 -Food & Drugs Act 1938	22
Slaughterhouses and Knackers Yards	27
Offensive trades	53
Shops Acts	16
Infectious Diseases Cases	6
Disinfection and Disinfestation	20
Rodent Control	813
Miscellaneous and interviews.	220
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Statutory Notices served	23
Informal Notices	81
Nuisance abated with or without notices	196

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the District has in general been satisfactory both as to quality and quantity but occasional difficulty is encountered in the high parts of Mottram when bursts or abnormal demands occur. Future housing developments or extensions of the watermains to serve houses not yet on the District supply will overload the system so far as regards Mottram and Broadbottom.

The reservoir capacity to serve Mottram and Broadbottom is about 26,500 gallons or less than one day's supply and for Hollingworth 500,000 or 12 days supply and this is not enough.

The Council water supply is not treated in any way and the five samples taken gave satisfactory results.

One house formerly fed from a private source is now connected to the Council's main.

Six houses serving about 10 persons are supplied by a standpipe.

About 164 dwellings housing 298 persons are served from pumps, springs and wells.

1,000 gallons per day				Served		GALLS. PER HEAD PER DAY
SUPPLY	TOTAL	BUSINESS	DOMESTIC	HOUSES	POPULATION	
Holl.	47.30	6.38	40.92	666	1,847	22.11
Mott. & Bdtm.	42.34	3.94	38.40	905	2,445	15.70
	89.64	10.32	79.32	1571	4,292	18.06

SCAVENGING.

Housing refuse is collected weekly and disposed of by tipping, the labour and transport being supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor. The tip at Woolley Lane is full and no longer used but negotiations are taking place for new land on Carrhouse Lane to take refuse from the Hollingworth-Mottram Moor Area. In the meantime all disposal is being made at Broadbottom Road.

The Council continue to supply dustbins and sanitary pails on receipt of orders from owners. 32 pails and 58 dustbins have been dealt with this way.

SEWERAGE.

The scheme to enlarge the outfall works at Hollingworth and Broadbottom and sewer as much of the district as possible has been approved in principle but the Minister of Housing and Local Government is unable to indicate when he will be able to authorise the work.

There have been thirteen conversions to fresh water carriage system during the year and the Council continue to grant up to £8. per conversion. Seven of the conversions were the result of statutory notices to convert.

At least 9 conversions are expected next year.

Approximate statistics for the District are : -

	<u>1950</u>		<u>1951</u>
Population Estimated	4600	Census	4590
Occupied Dwellings	1726		1735
Pail Closets	719		707
Ashbins	1514		1523
W.W.C.	49		47
F.W.C.	1007		1039
F.W.Trough	12		12
Baths	508		526

RODENT CONTROL.

Both the Council's Sewerage systems have been treated twice following a test bait laid in 10% of the manholes.

813 visits were made to 398 properties during the year and 46 infestations were discovered and dealt with.

MILK.

No action has been necessary under part VII of the Milk and Dairies regulations 1949 regarding milk produced or sold in the district.

During the year, registrations under the various regulations were :-

Distributors	9		
Dairies	1		
Sterilised-Dealers	9	Supplementary	1
Pasteurised-Dealers	2	"	1
T.T.-Dealers	3	"	1
Accredited-Dealers	1	"	NIL

There are 35 farms producing milk for sale, 7 producing milk for the owners use in connection with other stock and 7 are either vacant or not keeping cows.

FOOD PREMISES.

There have been no proceedings under the Byelaws made in accordance with Sec. 15 Food & Drugs Act 1938. 73 visits have been made to premises of this nature of which 17 are registered for the preparation and manufacture of preserved food, and 13 for the sale, manufacture or storage of ice cream.

MEAT & FOOD INSPECTION.

No food has been formally seized as unfit for human consumption but a small amount has been voluntarily surrendered on these grounds.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle exclud- ing cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & lambs	Pigs.	Carcases con- demned.
Number killed(if known)	-	-	-	-	12	Nil
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	8	Nil

LICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

During the year, the occupier of the licensed slaughterhouse at Broadbottom did not apply for renewal of the licence in force and wrote that he had discontinued its use.

There still remains three licensed slaughterhouses which are used for the slaughter of pigs intended for private use.

KNACKERS YARD.

A portion of Hyde Brook Works continues to be used for a licensed Knackers Yard.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

A portion of Hyde Brook Works is still used for fat extraction and the firm have installed a water tank to discharge their obligations under a Nuisance Order granted in November 1950. In addition, they have put in fresh plant to wash the offensive fumes which are finally forced beneath the firebed of the works boiler and burned.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

Only a few houses have been disinfected at the termination of illness. These, and houses with infestations other than rodents have only taken 20 visits and inspections.

The Hollingworth refuse tip became infested with crickets and caused considerable nuisance and annoyance to occupiers of nearby houses.

FACTORIES. 28 visits have been made to the 24 factories on the register, in three instances sanitary accommodation was unsatisfactory and was remedied after informal notice. Seven premises were notified under the Outworkers Order.

WORKPLACES. Offices and workplaces now number 41 and those inspected were found to be satisfactory.

Thanks & appreciation are due to the Officials and Staff of the Council for their assistance during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

ARNOLD SWINDELLS

Sanitary Inspector.

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4, Broadbottom Rd.,
MOTTRAM. /April 1952.